Gay compromise won't be the end

GAYS IN THE MILITARY

Activists vow to press on in court

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WASHINGTON — Retreating on a politically explosive issue, President Clinton announced "an honorable compromise" Monday allowing gays to serve in the military but only if they refrain from all homosexual activity.

His decision, however, won't end the matter. Congress will get involved, and gay rights activists vowed to continue their fight in the courts.

"It is not a perfect solution," Clinton said Monday in announcing the policy, which falls far short of his onetime pledge to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military. "It is not identical with some of my own goals. And it certainly will not please everyone."

But, he said, the policy represents an "honorable compromise" that offers a "major step forward" in protecting the rights of gays and lesbians, and ends "witch hunts" aimed at rooting them out of the armed services.

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Sam Nunn, D-Ga., has said he wants Congress to enact into law any policy governing homosexuals in the military and will look to amending legislation starting today.

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A LOOK AT THE POLICY

Key elements of President Clinton's policy on gays in the military, announced Monday:

- Military recruits will not be asked or required to reveal their sexual orientation. That policy has been in effect on an interim basis since Jan. 29.
- As before, homosexual conduct will be grounds for separation from the military.
- Homosexual conduct is defined as "a homosexual act, a statement by the service member that demonstrates a propensity or intent to engage in homosexual acts, or a homosexual marriage or attempted marriage" to someone of the same sex.
- Military commanders will not initiate inquiries or investigations "solely" to determine a member's sexual orientation. However, commanders are empowered to order investigations if there is "credible information" that a member of the armed forces has engaged in homosexual conduct.

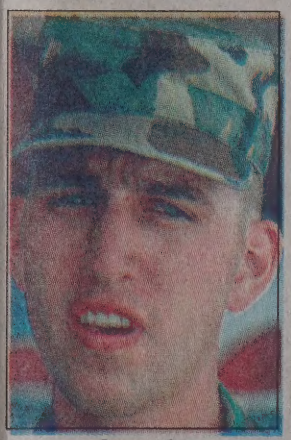
- Some gays encouraged, some feel betrayed/**A4**
- New Pentagon guidelines are spelled out/**A4**
- Answers to key questions on the policy/**A4**

REACTION WITHIN THE RANKS

Pvt. 1st Class Wesley Davis, 22, Fort Carson: "It will never work. There are just going to be more problems. Homosexuals shouldn't serve in the military."

Sgt. 1st Class Doris Opher, 36, Fort Carson: "I don't think it will make much difference, but homosexuals will still have to stay in the closet for fear of getting discharged. . . . I don't think there's a problem with gays in the military."

Cpl. Jonathan Ericksen, 25, Fort Carson: "I think there's going to be a big morale problem if people let it (be) known they're gay. It won't be such of a problem if they keep it to themselves."

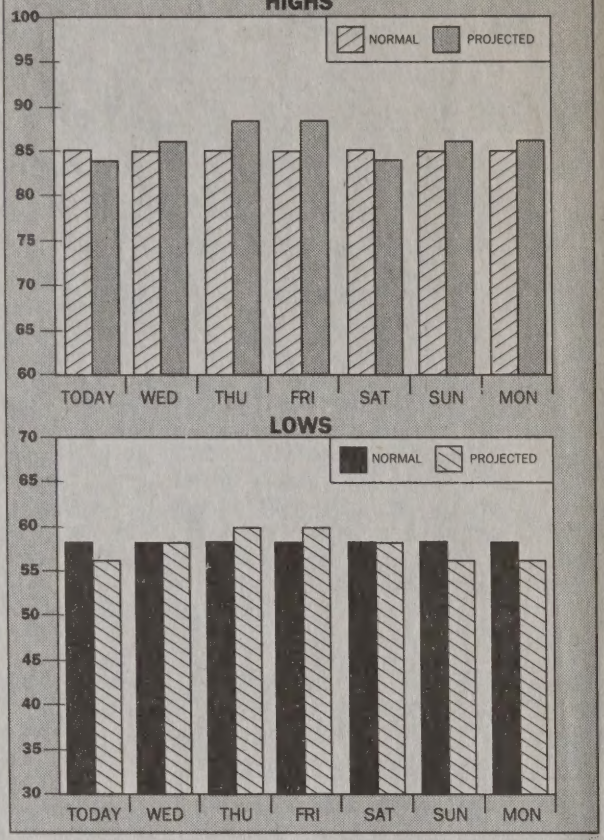


Spc. Brian Ristau, 20, Fort Carson: "President Clinton is telling the homosexuals to abstain from sex but he hasn't told straight soldiers to abstain. I don't think it's going to work — the reaction so far has been negative."

Spc. Elisa Martinez, 25, Fort Carson: "It won't be easier for homosexuals now. They're going to get harassed if people find out they're gay."

Saturday: Partly sunny; chance of an afternoon thunderstorm. High 84, low 58.

7-DAY TRENDS



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TODAY'S RECORDS

HIGH ..... 95° (1964) **LOW** .....40° (1897)

Road conditions: Call State Patrol 635-7623

24-HOUR Time	Temp.	Wind	Humid.
Sunday			
6 p.m.	75	NW 14	42
7 p.m.	77	N 13	33
8 p.m.	73	SE 14	45
9 p.m.	69	E 10	54
10 p.m.	65	W 9	62
11 p.m.	61	SW 8	77
Monday			
Midn.	60	NE 7	86
1 a.m.	62	NW 6	77
2 a.m.	58	NW 13	74
3 a.m.	59	NW 15	69
4 a.m.	59	NW 8	69
5 a.m.	58	N 7	71
6 a.m.	58	NW 5	71
7 a.m.	62	N 6	62
8 a.m.	66	NE 8	56
9 a.m.	70	E 9	43
10 a.m.	71	E 9	42
11 a.m.	73	SE 13	44
Noon	74	SE 14	44
1 p.m.	75	S 13	42
2 p.m.	76	S 8	44
3 p.m.	78	SE 12	40
4 p.m.	77	S 10	41
5 p.m.	74	NE 12	47

PRECIPITATION

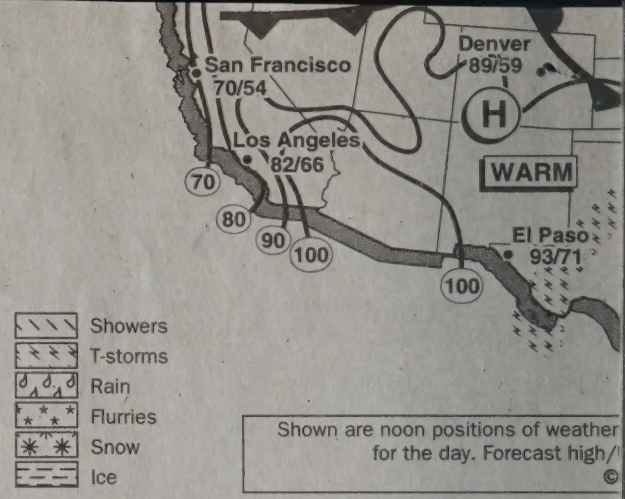
24 hours to 5 p.m. yesterday	0.22"
Total for month to date	2.08"
Normal for month to date	1.70"
Total this year to date	7.24"
Normal for year to date	8.94"

HIGH/LOW (as of 5 p.m.)

High Yesterday	79°
Low Yesterday	57°

SUN

Sunrise today	5:50
Sunset today	8:20
Sunrise tomorrow	5:51



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Albq., NM	97 66 pc	90 63 pc	91 66 pc	94 66 s
Amarillo, TX	83 64 s	90 66 t	88 69 t	93 68 pc
Anchorage, AK	70 59 c	72 55 pc	69 57 pc	73 57 sh
Asheville, NC	90 69 pc	90 63 pc	85 66 pc	86 64 pc
Atlanta, GA	99 76 t	96 75 t	90 77 t	96 75 pc
Atl. City, NJ	77 67 sh	92 62 s	86 64 s	85 63 pc
Austin, TX	95 73 pc	95 74 pc	95 77 pc	98 77 s
Baltimore, MD	83 73 c	93 67 s	87 67 pc	86 66 pc
Bangor, ME	86 54 pc	69 58 t	77 61 pc	75 58 pc
Billings, MT	82 51 s	80 52 pc	82 61 pc	83 59 pc
Birmingham, AL	99 75 pc	94 72 t	92 76 t	98 73 pc
Bismarck, ND	73 53 s	78 59 pc	82 64 c	87 62 pc
Boise, ID	85 52 pc	82 52 pc	80 57 pc	81 57 pc
Boston, MA	82 66 c	87 67 t	84 68 s	80 66 pc
Brownsville, TX	94 75 pc	94 76 t	94 79 s	94 78 s
Buffalo, NY	80 64 t	80 60 pc	75 60 s	75 59 pc
Burlington, VT	82 59 pc	80 58 t	74 60 pc	75 58 pc
Casper, WY	86 49 s	88 55 pc	89 56 pc	88 55 t
Cedar City, UT	88 56 s	88 57 s	85 56 s	84 55 pc
Charleston, SC	95 79 t	97 76 t	92 80 pc	96 77 pc
Charleston, WV	89 69 t	91 64 pc	85 65 pc	84 63 pc
Charlotte, NC	96 75 pc	93 72 pc	91 76 pc	94 74 pc
Cheyenne, WY	77 55 sh	82 54 pc	85 56 s	86 55 t
Chicago, IL	84 64 pc	83 60 s	80 60 pc	83 65 pc
Cincinnati, OH	88 67 t	88 64 pc	84 67 pc	86 66 pc
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Columbus, OH	86 65 t	87 61 pc	81 63 pc	82 63 pc
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Dallas, TX	99 77 s	99 75 pc	95 79 pc	100 78 s
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Des Moines, IA	86 68 s	81 65 t	81 69 sh	89 70 pc
Detroit, MI	86 64 pc	84 58 s	77 60 pc	80 62 s
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El Paso, TX	94 72 s	93 71 pc	92 69 t	99 68 pc
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Houston, TX	93 75 pc	96 73 t	94 77 t	95 76 pc
Indianapolis, IN	86 66 c	88 65 pc	82 68 sh	86 66 pc

LEGEND: s-sun sh-showers, t-th flurries, sn-snov

City	Ye
Jackson, MS	9
Jacksonville, FL	9
Kansas City, KS	8
Las Vegas, NV	9
Little Rock, AR	10
Los Angeles, CA	8
Louisville, KY	8
Marquette, MI	7
Memphis, TN	9
Miami, FL	9
Milwaukee, WI	9
Minneapolis, MN	7
Mobile, AL	9
Nashville, TN	9
New Orleans, LA	9
New York, NY	7
Norfolk, VA	9
North Platte, NE	8
Oklahoma City	9
Omaha, NE	8
Orlando, FL	9
Philadelphia, PA	7
Phoenix, AZ	10
Pittsburgh, PA	8
Portland, OR	6
Providence, RI	7
Rapid City, SD	7
Reno, NV	8
Richmond, VA	9
Roswell, NM	8
St. Louis, MO	9
Sacramento, CA	8
Salt Lake City, UT	9
San Antonio, TX	9
San Diego, CA	
San Francisco, CA	6
San Jose, CA	
Santa Fe, NM	8
Seattle, WA	6
Shreveport, LA	9

COLORADO FORECAST

CENTRAL MOUNTAINS: A cool start, then sunny to partly cloudy and warm today. Highs 65-80. Mostly clear and cool tonight. Lows 35-50.

FRONT RANGE: Sunshine mixing with clouds today; an afternoon thunderstorm in spots. Highs 78-88. Partly cloudy tonight. Lows 50-60.

WESTERN SLOPE: Abundant sunshine and warm today. Highs 78-92. Clear and comfortable tonight. Lows 48-62.

EASTERN PLAINS: Partly sunny and very warm today with a late-day thunderstorm around. Highs 84-92. A few clouds tonight. Lows 54-62.

City	Yest.	Today	Wed.	Thurs.
Akron	82 59c	89 55pc	91 59s	93 61s
Alamosa	83 42s	80 48s	80 48s	84 50s
Aspen	81 51pc	76 44s	78 46s	80 48s
Denver	77 59pc	89 59pc	91 61s	89 63s
Durango	85 54pc	83 49s	83 49s	85 51s
Eagle	86 42s	82 50s	84 52s	86 54s
Fort Collins	85 61pc	87 57pc	89 59s	89 61s
Grand Junction	97 58pc	92 62s	92 62s	94 64s
Gunnison	78 38s	76 44s	76 44s	78 48s
La Junta	90 66pc	92 60pc	94 64s	94 64pc
Leadville	63 34pc	67 37pc	67 37s	69 39pc
Limon	80 51pc	91 61pc	93 63s	93 65s
Pueblo	87 57s	90 56pc	92 58s	92 58s
Rifle	88 59s	86 58s	88 60s	90 62s
Trinidad	82 57s	90 60pc	92 62s	92 64s

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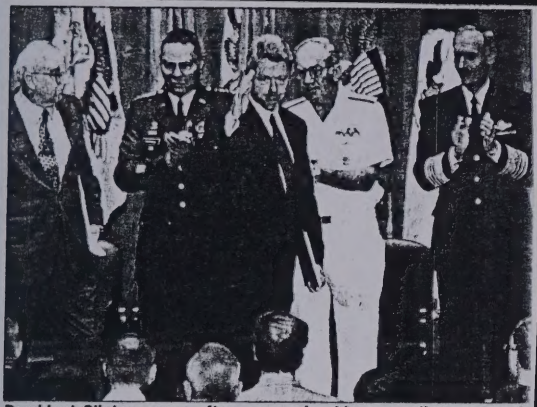

President Clinton waves after announcing his new policy on gays in the military Monday at Fort McNair in Washington. From left, behind Clinton, are Defense Secretary Les Aspin, Gen. Colin Powell, Navy Adm. Frank Kelso and Air Force Gen. Merrill McPeak.

Compromise/Plan blasted

From A1

Nunn, whose first reaction to the Clinton policy was "positive," nonetheless held out the possibility that he may push Congress to adopt more restrictive language.

The leading GOP opponent of lifting the ban, Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., blasted the Clinton policy as "legally inconsistent" and one that "any second-year law student" could tear apart.

Some gay activists, meanwhile, accused Clinton of betraying his campaign promise of last year to unilaterally lift the ban through an executive order.

"We elected a leader and we got a barometer," complained Tim McFeeley, director of the nation's biggest gay political group, the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "Great presidents like Roosevelt, Truman and Kennedy alter political reality, rather than use it as a reason to avoid the challenge of change."

Not all gay leaders were critical of Clinton, however.

While saying the new policy doesn't go far enough, Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., applauded Clinton for making a "good-faith effort" to change policy.

"I don't think Bill Clinton has backed away (from his commitment)," said Frank, one of two openly gay members of Congress. "The president has . . . yielded to a reality that he couldn't change."

Clinton argued that if he had lifted the ban entirely, Congress would have reversed him and probably reinstated the ban.

Regardless of what happens in Congress, the courts are going to have their say. At least three cases involving discharged gays in the armed forces are in the federal court pipeline now.

William Rubenstein, director of the American Civil Liberties Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, said that his group will soon challenge Clinton's new policy in court.

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